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SUBJ: GOTT REACTS TO ENERGY CRISIS; DISCRIMINATORY REGULATIONS  
FAVORING BWIA

REF: POS 1668; POS 1663; STATE 248152

1. FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS DECEMBER 20 SPEECH ON THE ENERGY SITUATION (POS 1663), THE GOTT TOOK A NUMBER OF ACTIONS DESIGNED TO REGULATE CLOSELY THE PROVISION OF AVIATION FUEL AND TO ENCOURAGE UTILIZATION OF THE GOTT-OWNED BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS (BWIA). THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ERROL MAHABIR, WAS PLACED DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF THE DISPOSAL AND SALE OF AVIATION FUEL AT

PIARCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, HE HAS PROMULGATED A NUMBER OF REGULATIONS TO PREVENT AIRLINES FROM UNDULY EXPLOITING FUEL AVAILABILITY AT PIARCO, A PRACTICE IN WHICH THEY HAD ALLEGEDLY INDULGED, ACCORDING TO WILLIAMS' SPEECH. POSSIBLY COINCIDENTALLY, EASTERN AIRLINES WAS ABRUPTLY ORDERED TO CEASE ITS SECOND DAILY FREQUENCY TO TRINIDAD, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 28 (SEPTTEL). THE  
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GOTT HAS ALSO AMENDED THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE BENE-

FICIARIES OF DUTY-FREE AND OTHER CONCESSIONS TO UTILIZE BWIA "WHEN-  
EVER POSSIBLE" FOR THE TRANSPORT OF AIR CARGO AND PERSONNEL.

2. COMMENT: THE TEXT OF THE NEW REGULATIONS IS NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR  
STUDY. THE AVIATION FUEL REGULATIONS SEEM UNLIKELY TO PRESENT PROBLEMS

FOR U.S. SCHEDULED CARRIERS (ALTHOUGH THESE CARRIERS MAY FACE FUEL  
REDUCTIONS IN RETALIATION FOR THE USG ALLOCATION PROGRAM--SEE POS  
1668),

SINCE THEY ARE MAINLY AIMED AT CHARTER AND OTHER CARRIERS WHO MAY  
HAVE

STOPPED AT PIARCO TO "FILL UP" WHILE ON OTHER FLIGHTS. THE CUSTOMS  
REGULATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE CLEARLY DISCRIMINATORY AND--IF ENFORCED--  
COULD HAVE A PRONOUNCED EFFECT ON U.S. CARRIERS, SINCE THE VAST  
MAJORITY OF NEW INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES ESTABLISHED IN TRINIDAD IN  
RECENT YEARS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF VARIOUS GOTT INCENTIVES,  
MAKING THEM THEORETICALLY SUBJECT TO THE "FLY BWIA" REGULATIONS.  
THE EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THESE MEASURES ONCE THEIR EXACT  
CONTENT IS KNOWN AND THEIR EFFECTS CAN BE BETTER JUDGED.

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